

TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THIRD COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION OF 1103.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

Friday, the 10th August 1928/26th Karkatakam 1103.

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven Thrity-three of the Clock with the President in the Chair.

The following members were absent:

1. Mr. L. A. Lampard
2. Mr. J. Stephenson.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Kallambalam-Vamanapuram Trace.

65. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to the present (Mithunam 1103) state of the trace running from Kallambalam to Vamanapuram *via* Nagarur in the Chirayinkil taluk; and

(b) whether they would consider the desirability of taking early steps to convert this trace into a road fit for cart traffic?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) Yes. The trace is fit for traffic throughout except at the crossings.

(b) This is being considered.

Condition of the Navaikulam-Pallikkal Market Road.

66. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of calling for a report on the present (Mithunam 1103) condition of the road from Navaikulam to Pallikkal market in the Chirayinkil taluk and taking early steps to make the road more safe and suitable for motor traffic?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

It is reported that the road is a fair-weather cart-road and is at present fit for motor traffic.

Revenue from, and Expenditure on, Plantations.

67. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement showing the receipts for the last 15 years (1088-1102) from planters' estates under land tax and export duty?

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(2) What is the total outlay of the Government for the past 15 years on account of planters' estates through the Public Works Department and other administrative departments?

(3) What is the rough loss of timber and other produce for the last 15 years from the area left uncultivated in the various plantations?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(1) *Land tax*.—Rs. 20,06,521 This includes figures only for the years from 1093 in regard to Devicolam taluk. Information is not available for the previous years. Particulars of receipts from income tax from planters have been called for from the Income Tax Commissioner.

Export duty.—No separate account is kept to show the receipts under export duty exclusively from planters' estates. The export duty levied on tea from 1091 (the date of imposition of duty) to the end of 1101 has amounted to Bh. Rs. 33,24,260.

(2) Expenditure by—

(i) P. W. D.	...	Rs. 25,85,291
(ii) Police	...	5,10,450
(iii) Medical	...	1,31,026
(iv) Agriculture	...	23,252
(v) Sanitary	...	12,315

Total ... Rs. 32,62,334

(3) No information is available.

Applications for the Botany Professor's place in the Science College.

68. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Botany Professor's place has fallen vacant in His Highness the Maha Raja's College of Science;

(b) the names of the applicants for the place and their respective qualifications; and

(c) whether anybody has been recommended to the place by the Principal, and, if so, the reasons for recommending him?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) and (c) The questions do not arise in view of the answer to part (a).

Auction sale of Arrack and Toddy Shops for 1104.

69. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the auction sale of toddy and arrack shops for the year 1104, will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the names of bidders, by caste, of the several shops throughout the State;